



PERRY S. HEATH AND THE POSTAL SCANDALS.

Perry S. Heath, editor of the Salt Lake City Tribune, declares that he courts the fullest investigation of his conduct of affairs while first assistant postmaster general during a portion of McKinley's first administration. It is reported that President Roosevelt has directed that all evidence against Mr. Heath in connection with the irregularities in the postoffice department be presented to the proper authorities.

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## AMATEUR COIN MAKERS

Growth of Iowa Community's Minting Business.

## THE MONEY IS MADE OF ALUMINIUM

Novel Scheme Adopted by Williams (Ia.) Citizens to Expand Circulation—The Coins Have No Intrinsic Value, but Can Be Passed For Merchandise and Drinks.

Tired of hearing of an "expanded currency" and seeing it only in bargain counter lots, the merchants and farmers of Williams, Ia., and its vicinity have gone into the minting business on their own account and are turning out barrels of coins—dollars, half dollars, quarters and dimes—which pass current for anything from a shave to a thrashing machine. The coins are made of aluminium, and an individual's wealth is gauged by his shape, the lushest person being the richest because the bulging pockets contain handfuls of fiat money.

The coins have practically no intrinsic value, but are redeemable at stores for merchandise and at saloons for drinks, their value being guaranteed by the association of merchants authorizing their issue.

The first coins minted were given out by merchants as rebates on purchases on the same basis that the varicolored trading stamps are issued by merchants in the east and were redeemable for their face value in merchandise. So many merchants went into the scheme and the coins became so plentiful that they began to pass current as freely as authorized coin, and instead of hoarding the aluminium disks for a purchase at the store from which they were issued the people began to make small purchases with them, pay debts and use them in poker games. When the men folks found that they could purchase liquid refreshment with the light weight coins they ceased to turn them over to the goodwill for her to save up enough to get a grand piano or a seal-skin sack and kept them in their pockets as they would loose change.

With the enormous expansion in the issue of these coins, coupled with the growth of their general use, pockets are now being made longer, and the women find the valise-like handbags now affected a real blessing when they start out on a shopping tour. The size of the contribution boxes in the churches has been increased, and the only place in town that won't accept the aluminium fractional currency is the post office. Uncle Sam demands money of his own kind.

At Webster, Ia., the fiat money scheme has also been successfully introduced and promises to spread over the state like a plague of locusts. Once or twice at Webster the coins have been at a premium. At present it looks as though the aluminium coins would soon be the popular medium of exchange for the entire west.

## A TERRIBLE INSECT.

Reasons For Handling the Boll Weevil with Care.

A man living near Morrilton, Ark., has returned to that town from Texas and brought back a dozen cotton boll weevils.

This man is playing with fire, says the Arkansas Gazette. He might as well have brought back a gelatin tube full of yellow fever germs from Laredo. The plague of rabbits in Australia started from a handful of these animals that were imported from another land.

Everybody knows that certain grasses and weeds that have been brought into a country have spread from an insignificant beginning until they have permanently established themselves over a vast territory.

Our dispatch from Morrilton says these boll weevils are in a bottle which is kept tightly corked, but some of the insects have been alive for a month. The dispatch says further that a "cotton square put into the bottle will be readily devoured."

But suppose a female weevil lays her eggs in a cotton square and it is then thrown out. The eggs might develop into larvae and these into weevils, which next spring would proceed to increase and multiply.

The safest way to show what the boll weevil looks like is to use the method adopted by the Gazette, simply show a picture of the terrible creature.

## Governor Mickey's Strenuousness.

Governor Mickey of Nebraska stood on a stack of wheat at the farm of the State insane asylum at Lincoln the other morning and tabled bundles for a thrashing machine so fast that the feeders were kept busy, says an Omaha dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald. The governor was shown over the field by Superintendent Greene. Without waiting for formalities he climbed a stack and shed his coat. Then he seized a fork from one of the men and told him to go and chase himself. Even bets were offered that the governor could not keep the table full, but he did.

## Around the World in Fifty-four Days.

In the November World's Work James Willis Sayre tells how he went around the world in 54 days, 9 hours and 42 minutes, lowering the next previous record by 6 days and 3 hours. He covered 19,500 miles, and the trip cost \$819. He used no special trains and made all his own calculations for boats and trains. Mr. Sayre left Seattle for Yokohama June 26. He then crossed Siberia and Russia, visiting Moscow. Thence the route continued by way of Berlin. He reached New York Aug. 19 and was back in Seattle Aug. 19.

## GOLD TIPS FOR NEWSIES

Generous Englishman's Plan to Help St. Louis Paper Boys.

## SLIPS MONEY INTO THEIR HANDS

Sometimes the Coin, Not Given by Mistake, Is a Sovereign Worth \$4.80 and Sometimes a Half Sovereign—Recipients of the Money Are Told to Keep It as a Pocket Piece.

A generous Englishman is making glad the days of the newsboys of St. Louis. Not all of them have shared his generosity—indeed, only a small per cent of them—but those who have know that it is not of the short measure variety, and those who haven't are eagerly awaiting this strange man's entree into their lives, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

He is giving away gold, and not by mistake either. With each coin he gives to the boys he stoops over and in a soft, round voice wishes the boy success, tells him to live a good life and "keep this for a pocket piece."

Sometimes "this" is a sovereign, and sometimes it is a half sovereign, both beautiful coins, the former of the value of \$4.80 in United States money and the latter \$2.40.

Placing the coin in the boy's hand or slipping it into his pocket, the big stranger takes his paper and disappears.

One of the boys at noon the other day described his unknown benefactor as a man perhaps forty-five years old, 6 feet 2 inches tall, having a pointed gray beard and wearing a long black overcoat and light colored checked suit.

The newsies are on the qui vive over the unheralded appearance in their midst of this mysterious person. Many are the stories they tell of his gifts to them and to others and of incidents connected with the gifts.

Several little street merchants, not familiar with gold and the money of other lands, have refused the shining pieces of coin bearing the late queen's picture in payment for a paper, whereupon the big man, smiling rather than trying to argue with them, has emptied his pockets of the small change they contained.

Other little fellows have accepted the pretty coins, but have bartered them as quickly as possible for three or four pennies from some other boy who either knew better than they or was willing to take a chance.

Gold is plentiful in newsboys' circles. Some of the boys are doing as the big stranger asked them to do—keeping their gold as pocket pieces to bring their good luck. It is estimated that this stranger has already given about twenty gold coins to the boys. His field of operations seems limited to the center of the downtown business district.

## A REBUKE FOR DOWIE.

Zionist Leader's Father Says His Son's Mind Must Be Unsound.

John Murray Dowie, father of John Alexander Dowie, according to a dispatch from Essex, Ia., says that the Zionist founder is of unsound mind.

"I have decided to make answer to him," said the old man. "He is my son, born in wedlock. I was married in April, and the boy was born in the following May. His mother was a good wife to me."

Here the old man's voice grew tender, and his eyes filled with tears.

"I took the boy in my arms and had him christened in Edinburgh. I acknowledged him as my son, and this, by the law of Scotland, legitimizes a child. I owned him before the world as my boy and the woman as my wife."

"Any one who knows the Dowiees can see that John Alexander is one of them. I have been mistaken for my son many times. His mother was a widow when I married her. After her death I gave the certificate of her first marriage and the one recording my own marriage to my son. He has them now unless he has destroyed them, and if they are destroyed the records may be found in Edinburgh. There is no truth in the army officer's story. I am certain he is of unsound mind to give out such a myth."

"He has got into the habit of scolding. He scolds the whole world. He scolds me. He is a great egotist. Oh, if I had only been in New York to counsel him to be quiet! He antagonized the people there. Four souls! Poor soul! But his failure to do much in New York does not mean that he has come to the end. John Alexander Dowie is too well entrenched behind his defenses to be pulled down that way. The newspapers are maddening him."

"He was raised with his younger brother Andrew, now in Australia. When he took up this faith healing business in Australia, I warned him to desist. While he was in college I sent him \$5 every month. Doesn't that look as though he were my son? He did not treat me coldly when I came to Chicago. He met me as a son would meet his father. He introduced me as his father before Zion. It was only when I refused to accept his doctrines that he turned against me. He is now only a Calvinist, with a lot of faith healing egotism and newfangled ideas grafted on."

## Fame In Squeewee County, Mo.

Miss Ella Mae Doolittle, the Paw Paw Corner animal poet, has let out a little secret that bids fair to make her famous in Squeewee county, Mo., says the Kansas City Journal. She says that she is personally acquainted with the composer of "Hiawatha," once saw the man who wrote "Goo Goo Eyes" and knows a second cousin of one of the writers of "In the Good Old Summer Time."



ANDREW CARNEGIE AND FAMILY, WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM EUROPE.

Andrew Carnegie, who has recently returned from Europe, has given out an interview in which he roundly denounces the present day tendency toward over-capitalization of industrial enterprises. Beside Mr. Carnegie the illustration shows his wife and only child.

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